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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LUCKY NUGGET/TEN MILE FIRE BREAK

A public meeting to discuss BLM's proposed Lucky Nugget and Ten Mile communities' fuel break (or greenstrip) project will be held at the Ten Mile Fire Station #2 on March 25, 2003, 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. To get to the fire station, go 3 miles south from the Lamoille Highway / Jiggs Highway intersection and follow the signs west to the Ten Mile Fire Station #2.

BLM Fire Operations Supervisor Paul Petersen said, "The purpose of the project is to protect the homes and private property from wildland fires in the Lucky Nugget and Ten Mile communities by creating greenstrips. Greenstrips are swaths of land planted with fire-resistant vegetation to slow or stop the spread of wildland fires. Greenstrips also provide a defensible space around communities at risk from wildland fires."

"This project is part of the National Fire Plan which is a nationwide effort to protect those communities at risk," Petersen added.

The Lucky Nugget and Ten Mile communities' greenstrip would be 400-500 feet wide and up to several miles long. The project will begin with mowing the designated areas and then planting fire-resistant vegetation such as Siberian wheatgrass, Nordan crested wheatgrass, Hycrest wheatgrass, and Boizoisky Russian wild rye.

Phase one of this project would begin in July 2003 and would include the south and west sides of Lucky Nugget and Ten Mile. Phase two is planned for Spring 2004 and would consist of the north and east sides of the communities. Final completion for the entire project would be in Spring 2005.

For more information about the public meeting or project, contact BLM Fire Operations Supervisor Paul Petersen at (775) 753-0302 or email Paul_Petersen@nv.blm.gov

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